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Office of Real Property Management  
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Office of Foreign Missions  
U.S. Department of State

*Dear Mrs. Mavritte, Mrs. Grant,*

The Embassy of Israel in the United States remains a prime target for terror attacks from different terror organizations. Due to the ongoing instability in the Middle East, recent terror attacks on Western countries, and terror threats specific to Washington D.C., we are requesting an upgrade of the security capabilities of the Embassy's perimeter.

A survey on the protective effects of bollards against a car bomb proved that stainless-steel bollards are best able to protect both the infrastructure of the building and the lives of employees working in it. Our current bollards are simply too weak to deal with different potential terror attacks.

Based on this study and other information, the Embassy of Israel is requesting approval for a project consisting of 55 stainless-steel retractable bollards to the perimeter of the Embassy. The bollards would surround the front entrance of the Embassy facing International Drive, and the side of the Embassy facing Van Ness Street.

In addition, the planters located on the sidewalk parallel to Van Ness Street don't meet our current security standards due to their inability to prevent a variety of different attacks, including a terrorist ramming his car into the planters. Similar to our current bollards, these planters are too weak to protect against these attacks, and we'd like to replace them with the aforementioned stainless-steel retractable bollards.

Lastly, the retractable stainless-steel bollards are more aesthetically pleasing and safer for pedestrians.

For these reasons, please accept our request for upgrading our current security structure.

Sincerely,

Eyal Crohn  
Chief of Security